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INFO AMEMBASSY BRASILIA PRIORITY
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SUBJECT: US/BRAZIL SHRIMP NEGOTIATIONS

REF: (A) BRASILIA 2628 (B) PARAMARIBO 451 (NOTAL)

FOR CLINGAN USLOS DELEGATION

1. IN TELECON OF MARCH 31, FA OFFICER AND AMEMBASSY
BRASILIA DISCUSSED STATUS OF BRAZILIAN REEXAMINATION THEIR
JOINT VENTURE GUIDELINES, AND PROGNOSIS FOR ANY NEW
INITIATIVES FROM GOB. IN FOLLOWUP CABLE (REF. CABLE (A))
BRASILIA HAS REQUESTED THAT WE QUERY YOU RE ANY DISCUSSIONS
YOU MAY HAVE HAD ON THE SUBJECT WITH MINISTER PROENCA ROSA
OR OTHER BRAZILIAN FOMIN OFFICIALS PRESENT AT LOS.
AMEMBASSY BRASILIA IS PREPARED TO APPROACH FOREIGN OFFICE
NOW THAT OVER SIX WEEKS HAVE PASSED SINCE TALKS ADJOURNED,
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BUT WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INSIGHTS YOU MIGHT PROVIDE BEFORE
DEMARCHE. REQUEST YOUR ACTION REPLY BE SLUGGED FOR BOTH
BRASILIA AND DEPARTMENT. FYI: AMEMBASSY PARAMARIBO HAS
REPORTED THAT BRAZIL AND SURINAM ARE NEAR AN INTERIM AGREE-
MENT THAT APPEARS TO DIFFER SUBSTANTIALLY FROM TERMS
DISCUSSED WITH U.S.. ALTHOUGH AGREEMENT HAS NOT YET BEEN
SIGNED, BRAZIL REPORTEDLY IS PREPARED TO ALLOW THE 20

SURINAMESE VESSELS JOINTLY OWNED BY SURINAM GOVERNMENT AND
CASTLE AND COOKE ACCESS TO BRAZILIAN SHRIMP WITHOUT JOINT
VENTURES, SWITCHING OF FLAGS OR REQUIREMENTS THAT CATCH
BE LANDED IN BRAZIL AND BRAZILIAN CREWS USED. SHOULD
SURINAM AGREEMENT BE FINALIZED AND U.S. ATTEMPTS FAIL, U.S.
SHRIMPERS WOULD APPEAR TO HAVE MUCH STRONGER CASE TO ALLEGE
DISCRIMINATION IN ACCESS TO BRAZILIAN RESOURCE. IN THIS
CONTEXT, IT MIGHT BE INTERESTING TO QUERY PROENCA ROSA RE
OTHER AGREEMENTS THAT MIGHT BE IN THE WORKS AND THEIR
TERMS, AS WELL AS STATUS OF REVIEW OF GOB POSITION
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